

Tiering Games Highlight Weekend Play

Kent WA 29 September, 2009 – It's too early to tell why hockey enrollment appears to be down around our PNAHA league. I'm thinking we can blame the economy. Midget Rep teams have folded in Tri-Cities and Seattle Jr. West Coast has failed to declare any teams this season. It seems the economy is finally taking its toll on our programs.

Kent Valley's enrollment is stable in comparison to last season, particularly when you discount the loss of the West Coast team that was part of our program last year. That said; it is none the less disturbing that our **"Learn to Play Hockey Program"** enrollment is far less than we had expected, given the active promotion of the program that we did last season. Additionally, we have fielded just one Mite Rec Team this year compared to two teams in the prior season. Since great hockey associations are built from the ground up, we need to do more ground work if we're going to build the kind of hockey association we all desire and succeed in the future. If you know a 5-10 year-old boy or girl that would love to learn to play hockey, just send them our way. We have the capacity to serve... (Please see the note below regarding the Thunderbirds Community Sports Foundation.)

KVHA & KVIC Rink Notes:

Thunderbirds Community Sports Foundation – The Thunderbirds Community Sports Foundation recently granted Kent Valley Hockey Association \$2,500 to fund the acquisition of 30 sets of starter equipment for the association's **"Learn to Play Hockey Program (LTP)."** The hockey gear was received early this week; just in time for session #1 of the LTP program this coming Sunday.

The Thunderbird Community Sports Foundation, a non-profit foundation, believes that the youth in our community benefit physically, mentally and academically from playing sports. The foundation also believes that no child should be excluded from playing sports due to a lack of financial resources.

The opportunity to create the Foundation stemmed from the Seattle Thunderbirds Hockey Club move to Kent. As a result, the Foundation wishes to focus the majority of their support in their new community of South King County, and the South Puget Sound region.

The Thunderbird Community Sports Foundation has partnered with the Seattle Thunderbirds Hockey Club to support and encourage youth participation in organized sports activities in our community, with an emphasis on youth minor ice hockey, by raising funds to be awarded to deserving amateur and youth sports organizations to further their efforts by giving all kids a chance to play. The Foundation will primarily raise funds by operating a "50/50" drawing at all Seattle Thunderbirds home games at the new ShoWare Center in Kent. However, as the Foundation grows, they look forward to engaging our community in other fund raising efforts to help as many athletes as possible.

Although the focus of the Foundation will be on youth hockey, and will primarily center on our community, the Foundation wishes to help as many amateur athletes succeed as possible, and therefore encourages athletes from all sports, and all communities to apply for consideration for grants.

Members are encouraged to visit the Thunderbird Community Sports Foundation web site:

<http://www.thunderbirdsfoundation.com>

KVHA's LTP enrollment as of this morning was 24. Danny Lorenz, Hockey Director, said; *"We started last year's program with about 24 youngsters and ended up with nearly 60 by the time the program ended in March. I expect to see a similar trend again this year. We seem to pick up 2 to 3 each week."* Here's hoping a large number of them transition to our Mite, Squirt and PeeWee programs so we can grow from the bottom up.

The Seattle Thunderbirds are assisting KVHA in promoting the **"Learn to Play Hockey Program"** at home games in ShoWare Center this season. The Bird's also sponsored the development of a LTP promotional video last season.

Photo Day – Just a reminder, that KVHA Photo Day will be Monday, October 26th. KVHA Registrar, Rena Sullivan, is working on a specific time schedule for teams. Please mark the date on your calendar and block out the evening for team and player photos.

KVHA Auction – The KVHA Auction Team has booked Emerald Downs for Saturday evening January 30th, 2010 for KVHA's Seventh Annual Auction. Several KVHA members have graciously volunteered to help with the effort. Last year's auction raised \$32,861.10 for KVHA with \$7,270.00 of that earmarked for our player scholarship fund.

KVIC Paints Creases and Patches Lines – You will no doubt notice some rink enhancements the next time you visit Kent Valley Ice Center. The KVIC Ice Crew re-painted the creases and patched up some of the lines on the ice surface. The pipes for the goals used during games have gotten a new coat of red paint, new nets and skirting. Thanks to the KVIC Ice Crew for making these improvements.

Work Commences on the Pro Shop

KVHA Members will be pleased to see shelving being installed this week in the Pro Shop at Kent Valley Ice Centre. Skate sharpening is currently being offered and the shop will soon be stocked with some of the essentials of hockey; tape, laces, teeth guards, etc. KVIC is considering options with a local party interested in managing the Pro Shop operation.

Kent Valley Weekend Tiering Results

Kent, WA 28 September, 2009 – Kent Valley's Tier-II teams played nine tiering games over the weekend. Below are the results:

09/26/09	Kent Valley PeeWee Selects	16	vs.	SnoKing PeeWee Tier-II	0
09/26/09		4	vs.	Seattle Junior PeeWee Tier-II "AA"	3
09/27/09		10	vs.	Whatcom Warriors PeeWee Tier-II	0
09/27/09		11	vs.	Puget Sound PeeWee Tier-II	2
09/26/09	Kent Valley Bantam Selects	2	vs.	Tri-Cities Tier-II	3
09/27/09		1	vs.	SnoKing Bantam Rep (NL)	7
09/26/09	Kent Valley Midget Selects	7	vs.	Spokane Jr Chiefs Midget "B" (NL)	1
09/26/09		2	vs.	Whatcom Warriors Midget Tier-II	4
09/27/09		0	vs.	Spokane Americans Tier-II "AA"	5

Squirt Selects Fall to SnoKing 4 to 1

Castle Ice Arena, Renton, WA 26 September, 2009 – The Kent Valley Squirt Tier-II Selects played the SnoKing Jr thunderbirds on Saturday September 26th at Castle Ice Arena in Renton. The game was tied 0-0 through the first period. SnoKing struck first with a goal 21 seconds into the second period and added 3 more goals throughout the period. Selects Braden Sanchez scored at 9:42 in the second period to get Kent on the board.

The Selects logged 8 penalty minutes to the Jr. Thunderbirds 10. Cam Hansen saved 14 of 18 shots on goal for a 78% save rate. The Selects had 14 shots on goal.

Story by Bill Best

The scoring summary is below:

Team	Period	Time	Scoring
SnoKing	2	0:21	Dawson Butt (Unassisted)
SnoKing	2	4:21	Kenny Gill from Dawson Butt
SnoKing	2	5:09	Jakob Stevenson from Cameron Bowers
SnoKing	2	7:39	Dawson Butt (Unassisted)
Kent Valley	2	9:42	Braden Sanchez (Unassisted)

PeeWee Tier-II Selects Dominate Tiering Play

Kent Valley Ice Centre, Kent, WA 27 September, 2009 – It was a marathon weekend for the Kent Valley PeeWee Tier-II Selects as they played four games in two days as part of the PNAHA Tier-II Tiering process. In the process of winning four consecutive tiering games, the Selects scored 41 goals while their opponents managed 5 goals over the four games. The Selects offense took 150 shots on goal in the four games while their opposition had 35 shots against them. The Selects appear ready for the 2009/2010 season.

Scoring summaries for the four games are below:

#1 - Kent Valley Tier-II Selects (16) vs. Sno-King PeeWee Tier-II (0)

Team	Period	Time	Scoring
Kent Valley	1	14:08	Anton Nikitin from Patrick Dunphy
Kent Valley	1	8:21	Noah Persson from Eamann McMillion
Kent Valley	1	3:18	Anton Nikitin from Alec Johnson & Nick Pizzey
Kent Valley	2	11:41	Jeremy Carlson from Zachery Houck
Kent Valley	2	11:22	Ryan Peacock (Unassisted)
Kent Valley	2	7:08	Jake Best from Ryan Nguyen & Christian Cinderella
Kent Valley	2	6:13	Jake Best from Dawson Myers & Ryan Nguyen
Kent Valley	2	5:25	Zachery Houck from Jeremy Carlson & Patrick Dunphy
Kent Valley	2	2:51	Ryan Peacock (Unassisted)
Kent Valley	2	0:15	Christian Cinderella from Dawson Myers
Kent Valley	3	13:09	Alec Johnson from Noah Persson
Kent Valley	3	11:56	Christian Cinderella (Unassisted)
Kent Valley	3	9:15	Anton Nikitin (Hat Trick) from Patrick Dunphy & Eamann McMillion
Kent Valley	3	7:17	Nick Pizzey (Unassisted)
Kent Valley	3	2:47	Ryan Peacock (Unassisted & a Hat Trick)
Kent Valley	3	1:16	Ryan Nguyen from Eamann McMillion & Noah Persson

Kent Valley's Aaron Matthews stopped 3 of 3 shots on goal to earn a Shutout
SnoKing's Matt Soldano stopped 25 of 30 shots on goal for 83% and Jack Ryan stopped 18 of 30 shots on goal for 60%.

Kent Valley had 5 minor penalties for 10 minutes while SnoKing had 3 penalties for 6 minutes.

#2 - Kent Valley Tier-II Selects (4) vs. Seattle Jr. Tier-II "AA" (3)

Team	Period	Time	Scoring
Kent Valley	1	17:25	Patrick Dunphy from Lydia Grauer
Seattle Jr.	1	13:08	John Stock (Unassisted)
Kent Valley	1	10:46	Ryan Nguyen from Christian Cinderella
Seattle Jr.	1	9:15	Ben Herrling from Blayne Cantu
Kent Valley	1	5:14	Patrick Dunphy from Christian Cinderella & Ryan Nguyen
Seattle Jr.	2	11:05	Logan Koski from Alex Furlen
Kent Valley	3	5:33	Ryan Nguyen from Christian Cinderella & Jake Best

Kent Valley's Austin Phelps stopped 14 of 17 shots on goal for 82%.
Seattle Jr's Conner Lorey stopped 10 of 13 shots on goal for 77% and Brandon Davison stopped 13 of 14 shots on goal for 93%.

Kent Valley had 7 minor penalties for 14 minutes while Seattle Jr. had 5 minor penalties for 10 minutes.

#3 - Kent Valley Tier-II Selects (10) vs. Whatcom Warriors (0)

Team	Period	Time	Scoring
Kent Valley	1	14:39	Jake Best from Christian Cinderella & Ryan Nguyen
Kent Valley	1	11:21	Jake Best from Christian Cinderella
Kent Valley	1	7:31	Ryan Nguyen from Christian Cinderella & Patrick Dunphy
Kent Valley	2	7:52	Nick Pizzey (Unassisted)
Kent Valley	2	6:04	Ryan Peacock (Unassisted)
Kent Valley	2	5:40	Ryan Peacock from Dawson Myers & Anton Nikitin
Kent Valley	2	4:55	Jeremy Carlson from Alec Johnson & Eamann McMillion
Kent Valley	2	0:15	Jake Best (Hat Trick) from Eamann McMillion (Power Play)
Kent Valley	3	12:26	Nick Pizzey from Jeremy Carlson & Alec Johnson
Kent Valley	3	11:58	Christian Cinderella from Paul Gicewicz

Kent Valley's Austin Phelps stopped 11 of 11 shots on goal for a Shutout.

Whatcom's Broderick Parker stopped 18 of 28 shots on goal for 64%.

Kent Valley had 7 minor penalties for 14 minutes while Whatcom had 3 minor penalties for 6 minutes.

#4 - Kent Valley Tier-II Selects (11) vs. Puget Sound Tier-II (2)

Team	Period	Time	Scoring
Kent Valley	1	12:38	Christian Cinderella from Jake Best
Kent Valley	1	8:30	Patrick Dunphy from Christian Cinderella
Puget Sound	1	5:57	Jacob Nelson from Gracien Hurst (Power Play)
Kent Valley	1	4:22	Patrick Dunphy from Christian Cinderella & Ryan Nguyen
Kent Valley	1	3:40	Ryan Peacock from Noah Persson
Kent Valley	1	1:54	Christian Cinderella from Ryan Nguyen
Kent Valley	1	1:45	Christian Cinderella (Hat Trick & Unassisted)
Kent Valley	2	13:16	Anton Nikitin from Ryan Peacock & Patrick Dunphy
Kent Valley	2	7:38	Ryan Peacock from Noah Persson
Puget Sound	2	5:14	Brenden Sedgewick from Mikayla Anderson & Liam Sedgewick
Kent Valley	2	4:09	Christian Cinderella from Jake Best
Kent Valley	3	13:29	Anton Nikitin from Christian Cinderella & Ryan Nguyen
Kent Valley	3	9:07	Ryan Nguyen from Paul Gicewicz & Christian Cinderella (Power Play)

Kent Valley's Austin Phelps stopped 2 fo 4 shots on goal for 50%.

Puget Sound's Willy Mack stopped 24 of 35 shots for 69%.

Kent Valley had 5 minor penalties for 10 minutes while Puget Sound had 1 minor penalty for 2 minutes.

Bantam Tier-II Selects Fall in Tiering Games

Kent Valley Ice Centre, Kent, WA 27 September, 2009 – Home ice didn't help the Kent Valley Bantam Tier-II Selects a great deal this past weekend. The Selects dropped both home PNAHA tiering games to Tri-Cities 3 to 2 and SnoKing 7 to 1. However, the Selects lost more than two tiering games; forward Caleb Bromley will be out for at least one week with a knee injury and forward Johnny Scherer will be out four to six weeks with a collarbone injury. Coach Bennett and the Selects have their work cut out for them later this week as they face Puget Sound at home Wednesday evening, Seattle Jr. at Lynnwood Thursday evening and SnoKing at Kingsgate on Saturday afternoon. This young team has the talent and potential to turn lemon into lemonade over these next three games. You can do it boys! Go get em!

A scoring summary is below:

#1 - Kent Valley Tier-II Selects (2) vs. Tri-Cities Tier-II (3)			
Team	Period	Time	Scoring
Tri-Cities	1	10:40	Alex Storaci (Unassisted)
Tri-Cities	1	3:37	Christopher McCormick from Alex Storaci
Tri-Cities	2	2:43	Steven Sordahl from Christopher McCormick (Power Play)
Kent Valley	2	0:27	Jacob Becker from Tyler Jennings
Kent Valley	3	5:57	Ryan Zukowski from Jesse Howland

Kent Valley's Colby Bennett stopped 23 of 26 shots on goal for 88%.
 Tri-Cities Graeme Freeman stopped 20 of 22 shots on goal for 91%.
 Kent Valley had 7 minor and 1 major penalties for 24 minutes while Tri-Cities had 8 minor penalties for 16 minutes.

#2 - Kent Valley Tier-II Selects (1) vs. SnoKing Tier-II (NL) (7)			
Team	Period	Time	Scoring
SnoKing	1	9:49	Liam O'Kelly from Kanim Posey
SnoKing	1	2:21	Kai Robinson from William Morrison
SnoKing	2	14:43	Kanim Posey (Unassisted)
SnoKing	2	6:40	Bailey Fisher (Unassisted)
SnoKing	3	12:00	Rylan Cratsenberg (Unassisted)
Kent Valley	3	7:17	Caleb Bromley (Unassisted)
SnoKing	3	6:32	Liam O'Kelly from David Min
SnoKing	3	0:01	David Min (Unassisted)

Kent Valley's Jacob Panzer stopped 25 of 32 shots on goal for %.
 SnoKing's Luke Pickar stopped 10 of 11 shots on goal for %.
 Kent Valley had 7 minor penalties for 14 minutes while SnoKing had 9 minor and 1 major penalties for 23 minutes.

Midget Tornadoes

Bellingham Sportsplex, Bellingham, WA 26 September, 2009 – On Saturday the Midget Tornadoes traveled north to Bellingham to face off against the Whatcom High School Hornets in their first exhibition game of the season. The first period would have the Tornadoes killing 4 penalties, scoring a Short-handed goal, and ending the period tied 1-1. The Hornets would go up 2-1 with 5 minutes left in the second, but with only one minute left in the second the Tornadoes, would answer back with 2 goals of their own, to end the second period up 3-2. More penalty trouble in the 3rd would have the Tornadoes killing 2 more, but also scoring 3 more goals, and giving up one Short-handed goal. This hard hitting, hard fought battle saw the Tornadoes take 23 shots, while the Tornadoes goalie Josh Severeid turned away 24 of the 28 shots he faced. In the end the boys played a fought hard battle to come out ahead 6-4.

Story by Mary MacDonald

Below is the scoring summary:

Team	Period	Time	Scoring
Kent Valley	1	2:40	Tommy Peebles from Spenser Mullan (Short Handed)
Whatcom	1	1:36	Nick Worke from Lee Walbeck & Jon Ell (Power Play)
Whatcom	2	5:45	Brandon Morris from Jacob Skinnell & Michael Maley
Whatcom	2	2:05	Nick Worke from Jacob Skinnell & Jon Ell
Kent Valley	2	1:04	Kyle Miller Smith from Garrett Jones & Paul

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Kent Valley	2	0:37	Taylor Birkeland (Unassisted)
Kent Valley	3	18:59	Brendan Laik from Zac Cadiente & Blake Walsh
Kent Valley	3	17:37	Kyle Miller Smith from Taylor Birkeland & Justin Hill-Sellers
Kent Valley	3	13:42	Taylor Birkeland from Holly Glaeser
Whatcom	3	12:33	Michale Maley from Brandon Morris & Nick Worke (Power Play)

Kent Valley's Josh Severeid stopped 24 of 28 shots on goal for a 86% save rate.
 Whatcom's Jacob Cechini stopped 14 of 20 shots on goal for a 70% save rate while his teammate Nathan Bryson stopped 3 of 3 shots on goal for a 100% save rate.
 Kent Valley had 7 minor penalties for 14 minutes.
 Whatcom had 3 minor penalties for 6 minutes.

Midget Tier-II Selects Defeat Spokane Jr. Chiefs, Come Close to Whatcom and Stumble on Spokane Americans

Kent Valley Ice Centre, Kent, WA 27 September, 2009 – The KVHA Midget Selects had the luxury of three home tiering games this past weekend. The Selects got Saturday morning off to a great start as they defeated the Spokane Jr Chiefs Midget "B" 7 to 1. Later that afternoon they faced a tough Whatcom Warriors Tier-II team and lost 4 to 2. Sunday's home ice didn't seem to help against the Spokane Americans Tier-II U-18 "AA" team as Spokane won the match 5 to 0.

Below are the scoring summaries:

#1 - Kent Valley Tier-II Selects (7) vs. Spokane Jr Chiefs "B" (1)			
Team	Period	Time	Scoring
Kent Valley	1	1:01	Noah Bloxton from Jason Bartlett & Tyler Dunn
Spokane	2	0:39	Clint Taylor (Unassisted)
Kent Valley	2	13:29	Jason Bartlett from Tyler Dunn & Aaron Turpin
Kent Valley	2	12:07	Hans Eggebrotten from Brandon Johnston
Kent Valley	2	10:29	Tyler Dunn from Nik Toor
Kent Valley	2	6:47	Mikey Anderson (Unassisted)
Kent Valley	3	9:35	Tyler Dunn from Mikey Anderson & Noah Bloxton
Kent Valley	3	5:31	Tyler Dunn (Hat Trick) from Noah Bloxton

Kent Valley's Dimitri Nikitin stopped 23 of 24 shots on goal for 96%.
 Spokane's Spud Kruiswyk stopped 33 of 40 shots on goal for 83%.
 Kent Valley had 13 minor and 1 major penalties for 36 minutes while Spokane had 6 minor penalties for 12 minutes.

#2 - Kent Valley Tier-II Selects (2) vs. Whatcom Tier-II Warriors (4)			
Team	Period	Time	Scoring
Kent Valley	1	12:25	Mikey Anderson (Unassisted & Shorthanded)
Kent Valley	2	0:45	Nik Toor from Steven Meginnes
Whatcom	2	12:48	Ben Butcher from Matt Boulette (Power Play)
Whatcom	3	9:36	Aidan Knabb from Cody Campbell & Luke Wagner (Power Play)
Whatcom	3	10:57	Ben Butcher from Scott Hansen (Power Play)
Whatcom	3	14:10	Andre Boberge from Matt Boulette (Power Play)

Kent Valley's Dimitri Nikitin stopped 20 of 23 shots on goal for %.
 Whatcom's Bryan MaClean stopped 11 of 11 shots on goal to earn a Shutout.
 Kent valley had 10 minor penalties for 20 minutes while Whatcom had 5 minor

penalties for 10 minutes.

#3 - Kent Valley Tier-II Selects (0) vs. Spokane Americans Tier-II (5)

Team	Period	Time	Scoring
Spokane	1	7:04	Weston Hill from Michael Oien (Power Play)
Spokane	1	1:49	Logan Rogers from Travis Condron (Power Play)
Spokane	2	11:52	Reed Baker from Kylan Hennessy
Spokane	2	9:20	Travis Condron from D.J. Maxey & Paxton Bell (Power Play)
Spokane	3	4:51	Barry Silva from Scott Bigelow & Nick Othmer

Kent Valley's Dimitri Nikitin stopped 25 of 30 shots on goal for 83%.

Spokane's Ryan Felvarg stopped 14 of 14 shots on goal to earn a Shutout.

Kent Valley had 13 minor penalties for 26 minutes while Spokane had 14 minor and 2 major penalties for 43 minutes.

It's worth noting that the Selects incurred 82 minutes in penalties over these three games, an average of 27 minutes per game. Further, the opposition took advantage of seven of those penalties to score power play goals. Seven of the ten goals scored against the Selects were power plays. Boys; Do ya suppose those penalties might be hurting you?

T-Birds Corner

Weekend two is in the books. The boys played really well at times on Friday and if a couple of those posts we hit would have gone in, I think the outcome would have been totally different!

Saturday we made our first trip down to Portland. Our young guys started off really well in the Rose City, as they skated and competed hard with the Winterhawks and we were tied 1-1 at the end of two periods. In the third things got away a little bit but there were some good things to take away from that trip down I-5.

We only have one game this coming weekend as the Tri City Americans make their first trip into ShoWare Center on Friday night at 7:35. We have some great seats still available.

If that night doesn't work, we have some great games just around the corner that would be perfect for you to bring your team out...

Sunday, October 11th @ 5:05 vs. Tri City Americans

Tuesday, October 13th @ 7:05 vs. Prince Albert Raiders - ("2-for-Tuesday" - 2 for 1 Tickets, \$2 beer, \$2 pop, \$2 pop corn and \$2 hot dogs)

If your team would like to play at ShoWare, please call me as soon as possible... we need to get you on the schedule to make sure that we can get you the best possible date for your team.

Have a great week and Let's Go Birds!

"Let's Go Birds!"

Jason S. Thomsen - Director, Business Development

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NEXT T-BIRDS HOME GAMES!

Friday, October 2 vs. Tri City Americans @ 7:35

(Pub Night and City of Kent Night)

Sunday, October 11 vs. Tri City Americans @ 5:05

Tuesday, October 13 vs. Prince Albert Raiders @ 7:05

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Have a great week!

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